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Memorandum by the Secretary

The Chief of Naval Intelligence has requested that the enclosed comments of the Lexicographer of the Library of Congress on the definitions of basic intelligence, current intelligence, and staff intelligence be circulated for discussion at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board with the view to modifying IAB 1, if considered appropriate, prior to submission of that paper to the National Intelligence Authority.

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COMMENTS

BASIC INTELLIGENCE - Suggest that the definition end at the words "general interest." Inherently the phrase carries no connotation of being the "best available;" any such evaluation would have to be conveyed by additional annotation.

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE - The word "spot" is journalese, if not slang, in the sense in which you have used it. "Current" seems the logical word but would be tautological in your definition; "new" or "recent" might serve. Do you not somewhat deny your own definition of intelligence when you omit evaluation and interpretation of information? I suggest you simply delete the word "spot" and after the word intelligence insert "comma known to be up-to-date comma" and delete all after the word "staffs."

STAFF INTELLIGENCE - Suggest delete the word "process." After "to meet" change "the" to "its" and delete "of the department or agency concerned" so that it would read: "Intelligence prepared by any department or agency through the correlation and interpretation of all intelligence materials available to it in order to meet its specific requirements and responsibilities."

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